(b) No, Sir.

(c) Such issues are to be dealt with by the Press Council of India, which is at present headed by a retired Supreme Court Judge. The Press Council of India is responsible for maintenance of high standards and encouraging the growth of a sense of responsibility and public service among the media. The Council may also, if it is satisfied that it is necessary to do so, warn, admonish or censure any newspaper, agency, editor or journalist in cases where it feels that standards of journalistic ethics or public taste have been offended or a professional misconduct has been committed.

Reduction in licence fee for the FM Radio private operators

34. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether acting on Comptroller and Auditor General of India report. Government are examining the reasons for reduction in the licence fee for the Frequency Modulation Radio private operators, resulting in revenue loss worth Rs. 17.79 crores to Government;

(b) if so, whether after the scrutiny, the Ministry has handed over the case to the CBI to punish the guilty officials allegedly involved in the case;

(c) whether all the highlighted case by the CAG in this regard have been fully considered by Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those held responsible?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The subject matter relates to a decision which was first taken in 1993 and the observations of C and AG are contained in the Report No. 2 of 2002 (Civil), which has been received recently. Action as deemed appropriate can be considered only after full examination of the old records and circumstances then obtaining.

Loss suffered by AIR

35. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Radio has suffered a loss of Rs. 22 crore from the last year's revenue of Rs. 637 crore;